

## **Public Health Alert**

DATE: April 20, 2022

Man Bitten by Unknown Dog near Sheetz in Brunswick, Maryland, on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Seeking Owner of Dog.

A man was bitten by a loose dog on Saturday, April 16, 2022, around mid-day near the Sheetz in Brunswick, Maryland. The bite occurred when the victim was attempting to contain the dog. The dog is described as a small-breed dog, possibly a Shih tzu.

Contact is needed to confirm the dog's health and whereabouts. The dog will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to



monitor its health. If the animal is confirmed to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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